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SUBJECT: CONGO RECOGNIZES PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT

1. KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA FOR JANUARY 28 REPORTED THAT THE CONGOLESE FOREIGN MINISTER ANNOUNCED JANUARY 25 THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD RECOGNIZED THE GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL AND ANTICIPATED NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THIS ACTION REPORTEDLY FOLLOWED RECOMMENDATION OF CONGOLESE POLITICAL BUREAU, WHICH CONSIDERED PROCESS OF DECOLONIZATION PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES IRREVERSIBLE.

2. COMMENT: NGOUABI'S SWIFT ACTION WAS PRESUMABLY CALCULATED TO STRENGTHEN CONGO'S POSITION VIS-A-VIS ZAIRE IN FUTURE CONTACTS WITH PORTUGAL CONCERNING ANGOLA/CABINDA. DEPFONAFF OFFICIAL HERE COMMENTED TO EMB OFF THAT NGOUABI'S HASTE IN THIS MATTER STANDS IN CONTRAST TO HIS FREQUENT, (PRESUMABLY OFF-THE-RECORD) ALLEGATION THAT MOBUTU INTERFERES TOO MUCH IN ANGOLAN AFFAIRS.
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